

Markets

SFE 200 Futures (9.30am AEDT)	7128	-55	-0.8
NZX 50	12320	-93	-0.8
DJIA Futures	35139	-502	-1.4
S&P 500 Futures	4498	-80	-1.8
NASDAQ Futures	14701	-337	-2.2

Local Markets Commentary

The Australian market opens Friday trade with a Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) meeting with the Australian Parliament's House of Reps Committee on Economics and new data in hand from China, ahead of key data out of the UK and US tonight.

US equities markets fell overnight.

Locally today, RBA governor Philip Lowe is expected to meet with the Australian Government's House of Representatives Committee on Economics from 9.30am AEDT.

Stocks trading **ex-dividend** today include **JHG**. Please see p3 for a detailed ex-dividends list.

Regionally today, no major economic indicators are scheduled for release during ASX trade.

Post-ASX trade yesterday however, **China** reported 3980B yuan worth of **new lending** for January, following expectations for 3620B yuan worth and December's 1130B yuan.

Japan's markets will be closed, due to a public holiday.

In overnight commodities trade, Brent **crude** turned to settle slightly lower. WTI closed modestly higher.

US **gold** futures settled barely changed.

Iron ore (Nymex CFR China, 62% Fe) swung higher, trading above \$US151.00/t.

LME (3mth evening) **copper** reportedly continued more than 1.5% higher and **nickel** greater than 1.0% so. **Aluminium** reportedly declined by 0.5%. Last night's LME final price updates were unavailable from IRESS at time of publication.

The **\$A** fell to ~US71.65c after approaching US71.90c early yesterday evening.

Overseas Markets

INDEX	CLOSE	+/-	%
Dow Jones	35242	-526	-1.5
S&P 500	4504	-83	-1.8
NASDAQ	14186	-205	-2.1
FTSE 100	7672	29	0.4
DAX 30	15490	8	0.1
Shanghai Comp	3486	6	0.2

Overseas Markets Commentary

Marked swings and choppy trade featured across major European,

*** Employee & consumer rewards listing – 12.30pm AEDT – MRI ***
*** Precious & battery metal-focused exploration and services provider listing – 1pm AEDT – S3N ***

Today's Stock Watch
Insurance Australia Group (IAG)

6c interim dividend from 7c a year ago.
 \$173M interim NPAT against a \$460M net loss.
 4.4% lower, \$9.23B revenue.

Kathmandu Holdings (KMD)

Anticipating \$NZ405M 1H FY22 sales and \$NZ9M - \$NZ11M underlying EBITDA.

Year-to-date (at 31 January) same store sales grew 2.8%.
 January quarter year-on-year sales growth came in at 15.1%.

Baby Bunting Group (BBN)

6.6c fully franked interim dividend from 5.8c a year ago
 12.2% higher, \$8.15M interim NPAT.
 10.0% higher, \$239.07M ordinary activities revenue.
 46c NTA from 37c.

Unibail Rodamco Westfield (URW)

Like-for-like net rental income fell 1.6% to €1.724B during 2021.

Recurring net earnings fell 4.9% to €1.005B.
 €991.3M net loss following a €7.67B loss a year ago.
 €2.24B net cash and equivalents.

In addition, URW has agreed to sell 45% of the 117,000sq m Westfield Carré Sénart shopping and leisure centre, greater Paris, for an implied €1B offer price.

URW will continue to control and manage the centre under a long-term JV and management contract.

ImpediMed Ltd (IPD)

Agreement secured to conduct an initial observational trial using IPD's SOZO with patients suffering end-stage renal disease.

NRW Holdings (NWH)

\$110M worth of new contracts in hand across WA and Queensland. Details lodged pre-trade.

Resources
Eastern Metals (EMS)

Reporting mixed massive and disseminated sulphides within the first hole of a four-hole step-out diamond drilling program within the Brown Reef North target.

Interval widths and other statistic lodged this morning.

Resuming from a trading halt. Last traded at 26.5c.



UK and US equities overnight, US equities notably trending decidedly lower during second half trade.

Global inflationary pressures and geopolitical uncertainty appeared to remain forefront amid varying interpretations of select corporate earnings reports and outlooks.

In overnight **data** releases, the **US** January **CPI** reading represented 0.6% inflation, following the same growth rate for December, and against expectations for a new 0.3% rise.

Against January 2021, inflation was up 7.5%, the most in a 12-month period since 1982.

Weekly initial jobless claims tallied 223,000 following 239,000 the previous week.

Forecasters had anticipated 230,000 new claims.

The January budget statement revealed a \$US119B surplus, far exceeding forecasts for \$US24B and following a \$US21B deficit for December.

A 30-year US bond auction produced a 2.340% yield from 2.075%.

Among overnight inflation commentary, a **US Federal Reserve** (Fed) regional president promoted rate increases worth a combined 1.00% from the next three months' Fed policy meetings.

European Central Bank (ECB) chief economist Philip Lane reiterated the bank's view that no severe monetary policy tightening would be needed to return euro zone inflation growth to normal levels.

The European Commission's (EC) economic commissioner offered that while 'uncertainty and risks remain high', inflation was projected to slow within the **European Union** (EU) after the northern hemisphere summer.

Nonetheless the EC's new EU inflation forecast for 2022 came in at 3.5% from 2.2% predicted in November. The EC predicts 1.7% inflation growth for 2023.

The EC also lowered the EU 2022 regional GDP growth forecast, from 4.3% (offered in November) to 4.0%.

In geopolitical developments, **Ukraine** maintained it was effectively facing a sea blockade due to Russian naval drills in the Black Sea and Sea of Azov.

In addition, Russia has commenced land military drills in Belarus.

For its part, **Russia** described new talks between the UK foreign secretary and Russia's foreign minister in Moscow overnight as 'disappointing'.

Tonight in the **US**, the University of Michigan's initial February consumer confidence reading is due for release.

Elsewhere, the UK releases an initial December quarter GDP estimate. Germany reports a final January CPI estimate.

Companies listed to report earnings or provide trading updates later today or tonight include: Apollo Global Management, Dominion Energy, Enbridge, Korea Shipbuilding & Offshore Engineering, Kumho Tire, Rosneft and SAAB.

In overnight corporate news, **Brookfield Asset Management** revealed the alternative investment group was considering spinning off the asset management business.

Earlier, **Unilever** (brands include Ben & Jerry's, Dove & Marmite) warned input costs could jump by £3B during 2022.

Pepsi-Co and **Coca-Cola** also bemoaned inflation impacts, despite

Pre-Open Announcements

My Rewards International (* MRI)

Employee and consumer rewards specialist scheduled to list on the ASX **12.30pm** AEDT, following a \$5M IPO at 20c per share. 130.34M quoted shares.

Mayne Pharma (MYX)

MYX has launched a generic version of a major dermatology product in the US, and has secured a licence and supply agreement with a dermatology company to distribute the product in non-retail channels.

4DS Memory (4DS)

Adopting a new test system, based on commercially available components, for the testing of the Third Platform Lot wafers. This, rather than keep using the 4DS home-built low-cost testing previously employed.

As a result, 4DS chief engineering officer Mike van Buskirk will work part-time only with 4DS, before retiring at the end of October.

In addition, CEO and MD Guido Arnout has volunteered to reduce his salary by 50% until 4DS successfully demonstrates a megabit memory array.

Resources

SensOre Ltd (* S3N)

Precious and battery mineral explorer, and services and technology provider, scheduled to list on the ASX **1pm** AEDT, following a \$7.48M IPO at 85c per share. 20.899M quoted shares.

Killi Resources (* KLI)

Copper and gold-focused mineral exploration company KLI completed an outstanding listing yesterday, following a \$6M IPO at 20c per share.

Opened at 48c and slipped to 40.5c before settling at its debut day high of 52.5c.

~1.96M shares were traded across 362 transactions.

33M quoted shares.

KLI holds four projects, two in northern WA and two in Queensland.

Greentech Metals (GRE)

WA Pilbara Whundo copper-zinc project drilling update lodged post-ASX trade yesterday.

GRE says initial indications confirm historic high-grade copper and zinc data for the project.

Zuleika Gold (ZAG)

ZAG has appointed ZAG company secretary Michael Higginson as a director.

Mr Higginson has been ZAG company secretary since May 2014.



higher product prices boosting sales revenue.

AstraZeneca in the meantime reported £37.4B record revenue for 2021 and forecast a further increase for 2022, in part due to anti-viral sales.

Commodities

COMMODITY	CLOSE	\$US/	+/-	%
Gold (NY) (Apr)	1837.4	oz	0.80	0.0
Silver (NY) (Mar)	23.52	oz	0.18	1.0
Gold (LON) (9 Feb)	1828	oz		
Platinum	1026	oz	-7	-0.7
WTI Crude (NYMEX Mar)	89.88	bbl	0.22	0.3
Brent Crude (ICE EUR Apr)	91.41	bbl	-0.14	-0.2
Iron Ore (NYMEX CHN port;62%Fe)	151.57	t	3.93	2.7
Copper (LME 3mth Evening) (9 Feb)	10051	t		
Nickel	23122	t		
Aluminium	3260	t		
Lead	2241	t		
Zinc	3642	t		
Tin	43093	t		

Commodities Commentary

Oil – OPEC’s monthly market report, released overnight, included a prediction that international demand could grow at a faster pace during 2022 than for 2021.

The organisation nonetheless retained for now the 4.15MMbbl/d 2022 forecast demand growth, against the 2021 estimated 5.7MMbbl/d demand growth.

OPEC reported producing just 64,000bbl/d more during January than for December, overall January member output tallying 27.98MMbbl/d.

Prices swung, WTI trading beyond \$US91.60/bbl intra-session and Brent above \$US92/bbl.

Iran’s oil exports were estimated in the meantime to have reached 1MMbbl/d during December – January, most of the volume reportedly going to Chia via other nations.

A weekly US petroleum drill rig report is due tonight.

In addition, the **International Energy Agency** (IEA) is expected to publish its monthly oil market report tonight.

Gold – overnight gold interest received a boost from the US January CPI reading, and despite higher US 10-year bond yields, Comex futures achieved another sessional gain, albeit by just US80c/oz.

Inflation commentary, tonight’s US consumer sentiment estimate and geopolitical considerations are expected to influence end-of-week sentiment.

Base metals – an estimated increase in *aluminium* stocks in warehouse inventories turned aluminium prices lower overnight.

Copper and *nickel* trade was reportedly bolstered from inflation-hedge trade considerations, however.

Among early evening AEDT data releases, China reported a jump in (new) lending, from 1130B yuan in December to 3980B for January. Forecaster had anticipated an increase to ~3620B yuan.

Yesterday, Japan reported January **producer prices**, these rising by 0.6% during the month and 8.6% year-on-year. Forecasters had

Trading Halts

Company	Code	Resuming
Ardiden Ltd	ADV	11 Feb
Zebit Inc	ZBT	11 Feb
88 Energy	88E	14 Feb
Ozz Resources	OZZ	14 Feb
RareX Ltd	REE	14 Feb
Taruga Minerals	TAR	14 Feb
Titanium Sands	TSL	14 Feb
Traka Resources	TKL	14 Feb
Valor Resources	VAL	14 Feb

Suspensions (selected)

Company	Code	Since
Cassius Mining	CMD	27 Jan
Comet Resources	CRL	31 Jan
Locality Planning Energy Holdings	LPE	10 Feb
Structural Monitoring Systems	SMN	27 Jan

Ex-Dividends

Code	Ex-Div	Div (c)	Franking (%)	Yield (%)
BKI	Today	4	100	1.76
JHG	Today	53.58	0	3.89
PL8	Today	0.5	100	4.50
DDR	Mon	15	100	2.55
QVE	Mon	1.2	100	4.37
SCG	Mon	7.25	0	4.61
SUN	Mon	23	100	5.51
CPU	Tue	24	40	2.01
CBA	Wed	175	100	3.47
KOV	Thu	25	100	4.38
ARG	Fri (18 Feb)	16	100	2.69
GUD	Fri	17	100	4.34

Reports & Events

(selected; all times AEDT)

When	Company	Report/Event
Today	BBN	Interim (tele 9.15am)
	IAG	Interim (w/cast 10am)
	MAM	Interim
	TLS	Interim
	UMG	AGM
Mon	AZJ	Interim
	BPT	Interim (w/cast 10am)
	BEN	Interim



anticipated a 0.3% only PPI increase for January. Meanwhile, windup notices have reportedly been issued against four *steel* businesses within the Gupta group GFG Alliance.

Exchange Rates

CURRENCIES	LAST	+/-	%
AUD – USD	0.7166	-0.0008	-0.11
EUR – USD	1.1429	0.0004	0.03

Australian Data Today

RBA	Testimony to parliamentary committee	11 Feb
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US Data Today & Tonight

Uni of Michigan consumer sentiment (initial)	Feb
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Other Overseas Data Today & Tonight

UK	GDP	Dec Q
UK	NIESR GDP tracker	Jan
UK	Industrial production	Dec
UK	Trade balance	Dec
Germany	CPI (final)	Jan

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GPT	Interim
JBH	Interim
PPS	Interim (w/cast 9.30am)
SKC	Interim (tele 10am)

Tue

ABY	Interim (tele 10.30am)
ANN	Interim (tele 10am)
BHP	Interim
DXS	Interim
ELO	Interim (w/cast 9.30am)
GWA	Interim
SEK	Interim
SWM	Interim (w/cast tele 9am)
SGM	Interim (w/cast 9.15am)

Wed

BFG	Interim
BRG	Interim
CTD	Interim (w/cast tele 9.30am)
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